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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND CLAIM TO U.S. PRIORITY

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, which was filed as a
continuation of US Application No. 09/131,019, please make the following
amendments to the application:

In the specification:

Please enter the following sentence as the first paragraph immediately
following the title:

--This is a continuation of Application No. 09/131,019 which was filed on
August 7, 1998, and which claimed priority under 35 USC 119(e) to US Provisional
Application No. 60/055,221, filed August 11, 1997.--

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, please note the Information Disclosure Statement
(IDS) filed herewith. The IDS contains two English translations of Japanese patent
documents which were originally submitted (in Japanese) with the IDS filed together
with this Continuation.

The application has been formally amended to update the status of this
application as a continuation of Application No. 09/131,019 which was filed on August
7, 1998, and which claimed priority under 35 USC 119(e) to US Provisional Application
No. 60/055,221, filed August 11, 1997.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the
specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version
with markings to show changes made"